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Petition for Extension of Time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136

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Sir:

It is hereby requested that the period for responding to the outstanding Office Action be extended two months from March 17, 2001 to May 17, 2001, by the filing of this Petition and fee payment.

The petition fee (37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)) is believed to be \$390.00 for a two (2) month extension for a large entity. Fee payment is hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 13-4125. However, if extensions of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 other than those provided herewith are required to prevent abandonment of the present patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 13-4125 referencing docket number 38-21(51721)B. A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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